

REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action of August 22, 2008 is gratefully acknowledged.

To place this application in condition for allowance, the subject matter of claim 19 (indicated as containing allowable subject matter) has been inserted in claim 14 as amended, and the subject matter of claim 24 (indicated as containing allowable subject matter) has been inserted in claim 21 as amended. Amended claims 14 and 21 are therefore in *prima facie* condition for allowance. The remaining dependent claims depend from amended claims 14 or 21 and as such are also now in *prima facie* condition for allowance.

Claims 14 and 21 as amended have also been corrected to change the conjunctive "and" to the disjunctive "or" in the recitation of the determining /monitoring step. The disjunctive is more appropriate. The scope of these claims has not been change but only clarified and should be acceptable.

Finally, a REPLACEMENT SHEET for Figs. 1 and 2 is being submitted herewith.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application should now be in condition for allowance with claims 14 - 18, 20-23 and 25 - 26 indicated as allowable.

Respectfully submitted,
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